### DOOM OF LAXWELL'S SCHOOLAD SYSTEM

### Public Opinion Hessed in The Evening World Stirs Bd to Revolt Against Fancy Stud for Children -MaxI Replies.

is personified by Supt. Maxwell and of his arbitrary reign h brought about by three elemen bers of the Board of Educat A triple blow has been structs First, by the Board of Educative to shorten the hours of theol children, who are oppressed by long sessions and by "freak" nd, by the board's vote fads and useless course chool curriculum. Third, buill

national anthem. This trio of shocks, follow other in rapid succession, haled that Maxwell is no longer that such dictatorial rul may choose to promote for thing be accepted as final.

introduced into the State Lire

crushing Maxwell's plan to

#### Regults Not Gratify

When Maxwell advocated ch ing of sewing, physiologyene, music and drawing and othlar courses for pupils of New Yols flat was temporarily ac for his rule was then unquestiopreover, parents were contentalt and observe results. If the ten of learning was better theold, caughters should benefit beiment. They awaited

and results were not stap-pearing. Pupils were sooned from grammar schools and to ook for work. Here the the fad system began to show The spring, handwriting and satical ability of many of haful graduates were found w de-scient. So much time an been expended on freak that practical work had, pe been neglected. A clerkly nahow-ledge of spelling and a sundwork of practical math are olute essentials for a girl starting in the business

These acquirements repre to-tal capital with which t majority begin their wage-eareer. Without full possession of the work seeker is sadly hand. The fact that he or she is pt in physiology and rafia wear not

The "system" which has for add one penny to wages or aid adaptive the Board of Education with a rod and which has issued a long of the people has declared inefficient received a death blow. The increase of the people has declared inefficient the

Appealed to Evening World.

Parents, too, catechising their children, found a woeful lack of practical learning. As a result thousands of perplexed fathers and mothers wrote to The Evening World, explaining the lack in their children's education, and asking advice and help. The Evening World promptly investigated the com-plaints, and found that they not only were unexaggerated but that they left much untold. Employers were interviewed in all branches of business where recent public school graduates are employed. The almost universal response to reporters' queries was that inder the fad system practical education was apparently neglected, and that graduates were deficient in orthography, chirography and mathe

The Evening World, after careful in vestigation, made public the foregoing facts, and instituted a crusade for the mprovement of the public school sys-Supt. Maxwell stoutly defended the fads, declaring them highly beneficial. But publicity had at length aroused a storm of sentiment before which even his colossal power tottered. At this week's meeting of the Board of Education the question of weeding out unnecessary studies and of laying

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courses came up. Maxwell spoke ear-nestly in favor of his system, and pre-dicted on the eve of the struggle that the opposition could not scrape to-gether six votes. Vote was taken, and the count stood 22 to 12 in favor of the

National Anthem Cut.

With the same calm dominance over school matters that has characterized his other actions, Maxwell recently ordered that the third verse of "The Star-Spangled Banner" be stricken from the rendition of that National Anthem in all the public schools. Patriots from the Battery to the Bronx raised a storm of protest against this wanton mutilation of a hymn which in its entirety all Americans are taught to revere. Again publicity intervened with the result that a bill has now been introduced in the Assembly at Albany for-bidding any changes to be made in the

Maxwell Makes Reply.

With regard to the action of the Board of Education in reference to the length of the school day in the first-year grades and the elimination of fads of the elementary course of study, Supt. Maxwell made the following statement to-day:

"The main question for the Beard of Education and the public to not a question of the course of study. It is not a question of fads. It is not a question of 'essentials and non-essentials.' It is a question of whether children in the first-year grades shall have schooling for five hours a day or for three and one-half hours a day. It is a question whether nearly 80,000 children in this city shall be deprived of one and ensured the fours' schooling a day.

From the evidence that has come to me during the last twenty-five years I have been forced to the conclusion I do not desire the short day. Whenever and wherever it has been necessary, through lack of school accommodations, to give children less than five hours a day schooling. I have received numberless complaints from the parents affected. tion of the course of study. It is not a

SUES WOMEN IN DOG CLUB.

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"I have never received a single letter
expressing satisfaction with the shorter
day. In advocating the retention of the
five-hour day and the building of sufficlent school-houses to give a full day's
schooling to every child I have felt that
I have been standing for what the people want and defending the rights of
the children. If we could reduce the
size of our first-year classes to twentyfive or even thirty pupils to a teacher
the abcreter day would not be so objectionable, but the classes in the first
year average in all the thickly settled
parts of the city fifty pupils, and in

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## districts sixty pupils to a teacher. efore the time should not be red, because a teacher has not the to hear fifty or sixty pupils recite idually in three hours and a half. WIFE ROBBED Lack of Open Playgrounds. "If our children could play in the open country, or even in spacious playgrounds, I should not object so strenuously to the shorter day; but where the crowded, narrow streets, with sunlight excluded, is practically the only playground. I advocate a longer school day. Is it better for the child of the tenement to be on the street, exposed to all moral and physical peril? Or is it better for him to be in a schoolroom, where, in add, on to teaching him to read, write and cipher, we try to do something through handwork, recreation and physical exercise, to make up to him for the absence of sunlight in the streets, for the absence of green fields, for the absence of green fields, for the absence of that training through handwork which the country boys receive? Lack of Open Playgrounds.

She Calls at Police Headquarsigned to Case-All Information Withheld.

Mrs. Brodie L. Duke is in trouble again. She has been robbed, she says, and the case is immersed in mystery. The Six Napoleons. nandwork which the country boys receive?

"I can conceive of but one answerthe school is better than the street. I
have advocated the five-hour day
also because it relieves the overburdened wife of the poor man, who has
to do all the work of the house, of
the care of her children for five hours
a day instead of three hours and a
haif, by placing them in a schoolroom
where she need have no anxiety regarding their welfare. In taking this
ground, I feel that I am standing for
the safety of the home and the best
interests of the mothers and children
of this city. If it shall prove to be
true that for a quarter of a century
I have been wrongly interpreting the
feelings of the fathers and mothers
of this city, I shall indeed be surprised. The time has come when the
people should speak with no uncertain
voice as to whether they want the
school day shortened." Since she succeeded in setting her hus band out of the sanitarium to which his relatives had him committed. Mrs. Duke has been living quietly out of the publi gase. To-day, accompanied by a tall, stylishly gowned woman, she called at Folice Headquarters and asked for Acting Inspector O'Brien, head of the Detective Bureau.

O'Brien was out, but Mrs. Duke sa his understudy, Acting-Capt, McCauley who immediately detailed Detective-Sorgeant Peabody to the case, and after hearing Mrs. Duke's story Peabody surried from Headquarters. He was followed in a few minutes by Mrs. Duke and her companion.
"I can't talk about this case," sa

McCauley. "It's one that calls for warrant."
"Is Mr. Brodle L. Duke interested

it?" he was asked.

"I cannot say as to that," he replied

"It calls for a warrant, though."
After her visit to Police Headquarters, Mrs. Duke called on her attorney,
John M. Gorham, in the Park Row Braxmar, the badge man, won a suit for \$605.65 against the American Pet Dog Club for badges and prize medals furnished to the club for its show in 1899, but the judgment was returned unastesied.

Then another suit was brought, the directors, Jane A. Stokes, Grace Van Cott Stanton and Ruse Prichard, being named in place of the club, which is described in the complaint as "A membership corporation, not for the prevention of cruelty to animals or children, nor for the promotion of a political party."

Neither f the fair directors was in court. The complaint was dismissed on legal grounds. building. Mr. Gorham said that while in jail Mrs. Duke reposed business confidences in a man and he took \$10,000 in securities from her. After writing him letters to return the securities she him letters to return the securities she became anxious and notified the Dis-triot-Attorney's office. It is said that Mr. Jerome and his assistants did not interest themselves sufficiently so Mrs. Duke reported the matter to Head-quarters.

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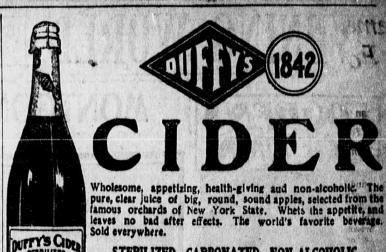
GET-MARRIED-QUICK YOUNG MAN PAROLED

Edward W. Stewart, the young man who was arrested last Sunday night ten minutes after he had been married to sixteen-year-old Madeline E. Gildersleeve, of No. 207 Clinton street, Brooklyn, was arraigned to-day in the Butler Street Court before Magistrate Tighe, charged with abduction. ters and Detective Is As- Mrs. Glidersleeve, the mother of the girl, announced to the Court that she had started proceedings to annul the

marrage.

There was also a larceny complant against the young man. Both cases were adjourned until next Wednesday and the prisoner was paroled.

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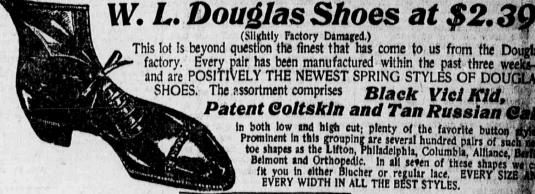
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